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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT INVOLVING FRG MISSION CHAUFFEUR

1. NEW YORK POST OF JAN 23 HEADLINES AND FEATURES

ARTICLE ON TRAFFIC INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED DEC 12, 1974 INVOLVING FRG MISSION CHAUFFEUR WHO ACCORDING TO VICTIM AND SEVERAL EYE WITNESSES "DELIBERATELY" RAN DOWN CITY RESIDENT NAMED JOHN KOBELSKI AND SPED FROM SCENE.

2. REPORT FROM POLICE, RECEIVED AT USUN ON JAN 23, INDICATES THAT BLACK MERCEDES-BENZ SEDAN BEARING LICENSE PLATES DPL-40 STRUCK KOBELSKI IN CROSS WALK AT THIRD AVE AND 39TH STREET NEAR FRG MISSION. AT TIME OF INCIDENT, ACCORDING TO POLICE, VEHICLE BACKED UP PAST INTERSECTION OF 39TH STREET AND THIRD AVE, THEN TURNING INTO 39TH STREET, STRUCK KOBELSKI WITH VEHICLE, INJURING HIS RIGHT LEG. VEHICLE THEN FLED NORTHBOUND. KOBELSKI WAS TAKEN TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

3. USUN TELEPHONE LOG OF DEC 12, 1974 INDICATES THAT INITIAL POLICE REPORT SHOWED INCIDENT AS HIT AND RUN CASE AND NOT ONE OF DELIBERATE ASSAULT. WHEN MRS. KOBELSKI CALLED USUN CONCERNING ACCIDENT, SHE DID NOT STATE THAT ACCIDENT WAS DELIBERATE. FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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WE KNEW OF CHARGE WAS WHEN AUTHOR OF ARTICLE IN

NEW YORK POST PHONED AND ALLEGED DELIBERATION ON PART OF CHAUFFEUR. MRS. KOBELSKI, WHO DURING PHONE CONVERSATION PRIMARILY COMPLAINED ABOUT HERE HUSBAND'S CONDITION, AT USUN'S SUGGESTION PHONED HANS CRADE, THIRD SECY, FRG MISSION. HE REQUESTED THAT SHE SEND NOTE GIVING DETAILS OF ACCIDENT, WHICH HE COULD TURN OVER TO FRG INSURANCE COMPANY. SHE HAS NOT YET DONE SO, ALTHOUGH NEW YORK POST ARTICLE INDICATES KOBELSKIS HAVE ENGAGED ATTORNEY WHO WILL IN DUE COURSE SUBMIT STATEMENTS TO FRG MISSION. WE EXPECT THAT LARGE INSURANCE CLAIM WILL BE MADE.

4. FRG MISSION HAS AGREED, AT OUR REQUEST, TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORT TO US ON CASE AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON ACTION MISSION PLANS TO TAKE AGAINST CHAUFFEUR, WHOSE NAME WE DO NOT KNOW.

5. COPY NEW YORK POST ARTICLE AND POLICE REPORT HAS BEEN POUCHED DEPT AND AMEMB BONN.
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